

# Palgrave Forest & Wildlife Area

# Welcome

Welcome to Palgrave Forest and Wildlife Area – a beautiful natural resource on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Please help us keep this area in its natural state by respecting the trails rules and information outlined in this guide.

The Palgrave Forest and Wildlife Area (PFWA) is a 306 hectare Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) property in the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel. It supports a diversity of primarily forest vegetation communities, and flora and fauna species of regional concern associated with high-quality forests and forested wetlands. The forests at the site are actively maintained by the TRCA. The PFWA is a passive-use property designed for year-round public use of its trails.

The land occupied by the PFWA is subject to several provincial plans and policies, including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan. The PFWA also includes small areas designated as part of the Simcoe-Albion Forest Environmentally Significant Area and as part of a Regionally Significant Area (Region of Peel designation). In addition, the entire PFWA property is part of the Palgrave Moraine Earth Science Area of Natural or Scientific Interest (ANSI).

Please enjoy the Palgrave Forest and Wildlife Area safely and responsibly.

## Humber River Watershed

The Humber River watershed covers an area of 903 square kilometres, from the headwaters on the Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine down through fertile clay plains to the marshes and river mouth on Lake Ontario. The watershed provides many benefits to the people who live in it and the natural beauty of the forests, meadows, farmlands, wetlands, rivers and creeks provides visitors with solace, renewal and contact with nature.

## Oak Ridges Moraine

The Oak Ridges Moraine is one of the most distinct physiographic landforms of southern Ontario. It stretches as a ridge of hilly terrain for 160 kilometres from the Niagara Escarpment in the west to the headwaters of the Trent River in the east. Rain that is collected and stored in the moraine's vast underground layers of sand and gravel, which are known as aquifers, eventually resurfaces as healthy, clean water that feeds the majority of river systems in the Greater Toronto Area. As a unique and valuable environmental asset, the moraine is a key water resource, an area rich in biodiversity and a beautiful landform.

## TRAIL RULES & ETIQUETTE

In case of an emergency, phone 911

- Trail conditions may vary. Users of the trails bear full responsibility for their own safety, as well as the results of their own negligence.
- Stay on designated trails.
- No motorized vehicles permitted.
- Keep your dog leashed at all times.
- Be courteous to other users.
- Do not feed or approach wildlife.
- Do not remove any vegetation.
- Carry out all garbage.
- Do not light fires.

## Palgrave Trail (13.4 kilometres)

The 'Palgrave Trail' consists of all trails other than the Bruce Trail and Oak Ridges Trail within PFWA. These looped side trails are suited for mountain bikers, horseback riders and hikers. The trails are available for non-motorized, passive recreational use. Numbered trail marker posts are located at major trail intersections and other key locations. The posts are oriented to the north to help you navigate through the property.

Certain sections of trail are maintained by the Caledon Cycling Club and are marked accordingly. Hiking is still permitted on these trails but they are considered 'mountain bike preferred.'

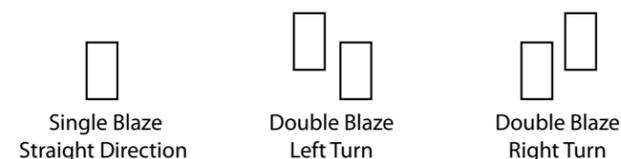
## Oak Ridges Trail (5.5 kilometres)

The Oak Ridges Trail (ORT) is a project that was initiated in 1992 to "expand, secure, develop, manage and maintain...a continuous recreational trail along the Oak Ridges Moraine, from the Niagara Escarpment to the Northumberland Forest" (Oak Ridges Trail Association, 2004). The trail is marked with white blazes on trees, rocks, fences, posts, and stiles. Loop or side trails are marked with blue blazes. A single blaze shows the direction to proceed. A double blaze indicates a direction change in the trail. Within PFWA, the ORT links to the Caledon Trailway (section of the Trans Canada Trail) in the Village of Palgrave, which in turn links to the Humber Valley Heritage Trail.

## Bruce Trail (2.9 kilometres)

Bruce Trail Conservancy is Canada's oldest and longest footpath and is managed by the Bruce Trail Association. The Bruce Trail's Palgrave Side Trail traverses PFWA and provides a link to Glen Haffy Conservation Area and the Niagara Escarpment. This side trail is maintained by the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, which has blazed the trail with blue markers.

## Directional Trail Blazes



Trail Guide and Map  
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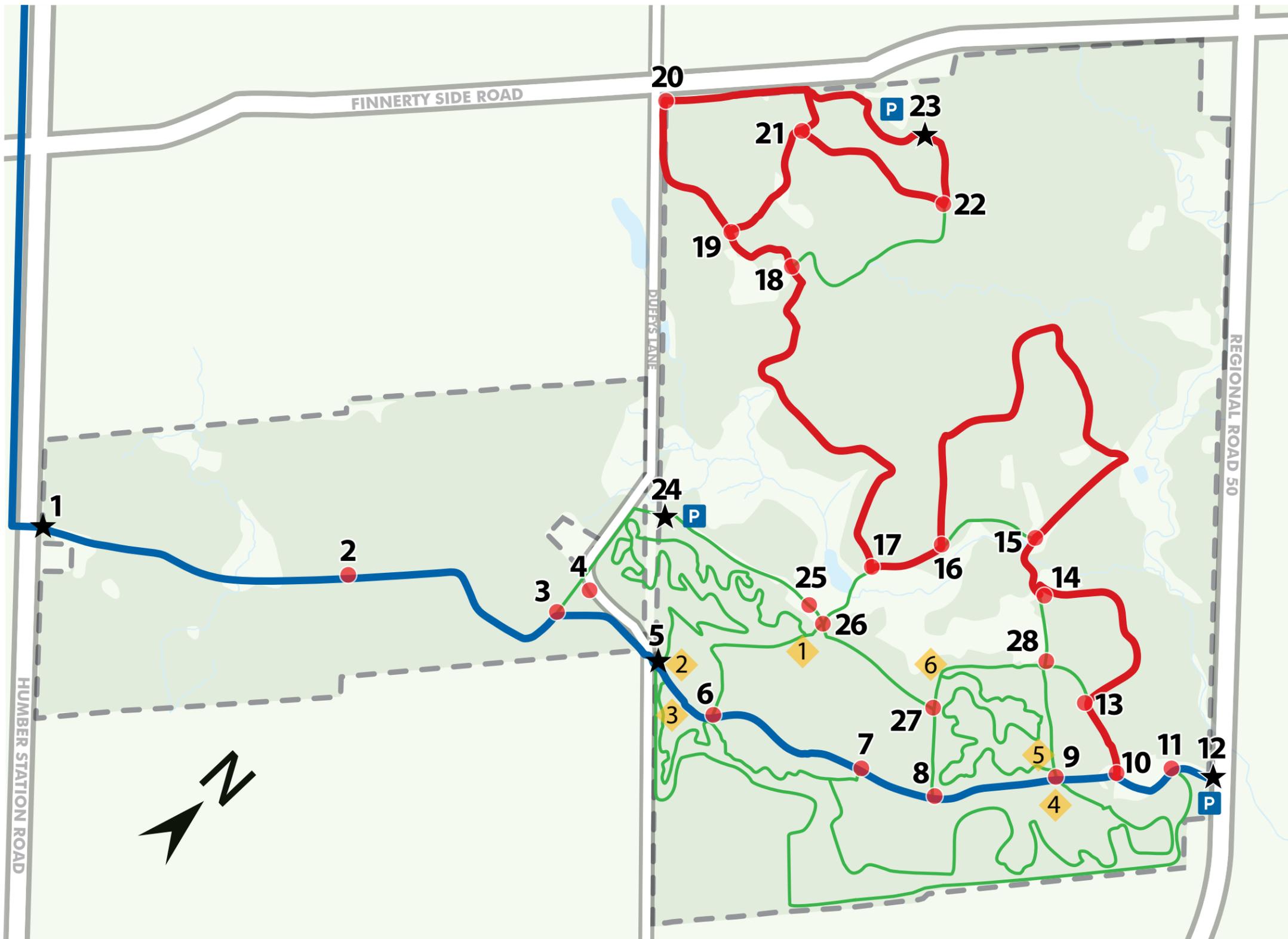
For more information, please contact Toronto and Region Conservation at 416-661-6600, or visit [www.trca.on.ca](http://www.trca.on.ca).



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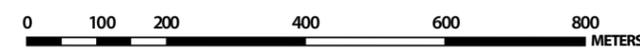
**PERMITTED ACTIVITIES:**

-  Hiking
-  Mountain Biking
-  Equestrian
-  Bird Watching
-  Cross Country Skiing
-  Snowshoeing

**PROPERTY FEATURES**

-  Property Boundary
-  Parking Lot
-  Watercourse

SUMMER TRAILS	LENGTH (KM)	 TYPICAL SLOPE (%)	MAXIMUM SLOPE (%)	 TYPICAL CROSS SLOPE (%)	MAXIMUM CROSS SLOPE (%)
 Palgrave Trail   	13.4	6.2	31.3	4.5	22.7
 Bruce Trail   	2.9	4.7	22.9	3.3	18.4
 Oak Ridges Trail   	5.5	4.9	25.4	4.2	26.6



-  Single Track Connection
-  Post Marker
-  Trailhead Information Kiosk

